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SUBJECT: POLISH PRESS ATTACKS SAIGON ON PRG FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

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1. SUMMARY: THE POLISH PRESS HAS PLAYED UP THE PRG'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, ACCORDING IT MORE THAN THE USUAL COVERAGE FOR SUCH EVENTS. THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP SENT A MESSAGE TO THE PRG, THE TEXT OF WHICH WAS FRONT-PAGED IN THE CENTRAL PRESS. RELATED EDITORIAL COMMENTARY COMBINED PRAISE FOR THE PRG WITH BARBS AIMED AT SAIGON FOR ALLEGEDLY VIOLATING THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. PARTICULARLY STRONG ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING "FOREIGN" SUPPORT OF THE THIEU REGIME APPEARED IN THE MILITARY DAILY, ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI. END SUMMARY.

2. PZPR FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK, COUNCIL OF STATE CHAIRMAN

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JABLONSKI, AND PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ SIGNED A LENGTHY "DISPATCH"

TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NGUYEN HUU THO AND GOVERNMENT CHAIRMAN HUYNH TAN PHAT, THE TEXT OF WHICH APPEARED PROMINENTLY IN MAJOR NEWSPAPERS HERE ON JUNE 6. IN ADDITION TO ITS CONGRATULATIONS AND FULSOME PRAISE, THE MESSAGE REITERATES POLISH SUPPORT FOR THE PRG'S MARCH 22 PROPOSALS AND ATTACKS SAIGON FOR BLOCKING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS AND FOR CONDUCTING MILITARY ATTACKS AGAINST PRG-CONTROLLED AREAS. IT ALLEGES THAT SAIGON "BENEFITS FROM IMPERIALIST SUPPORT" AND FURTHER CHARGES SAIGON WITH "PROVOCATIONS" THAT "PARALYZE" THE TWO-PARTY NEGOTIATIONS AND "IMPEDE" ICCS ACTIVITIES. IT REAFFIRMS POLAND'S SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE PRG AND APPEALS FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS "BY ALL" SIGNATORIES.

2. SIMILAR MESSAGES WERE SENT BY THE POLISH TRADE UNION CONGRESS, THE PEACE COMMITTEE, AND THE COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS. IN FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS OF SUPPORT, PRG AND DRV REPRESENTATIVES HERE MET ON JUNE 5 WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FRONT FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND THE PRG AMBASSADOR APPEARED BEFORE POLISH TELEVISION CAMERAS, THE PRESS REPORTED.

3. RELATED EDITORIAL COMMENT IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON JUNE 6 CRITICIZED THE SAIGON REGIME IN STANDARD TERMS FOR "CEASELESSLY SABOTAGING" THE AGREEMENTS, "PROVOKING" ARMED INCIDENTS, TERRORIZING "PROGRESSIVE AND PATRIOTIC FORCES", AND "PARALYZING" THE ACTIVITY OF THE TWO-PARTY AND FOUR-PARTY COMMISSIONS. A ZYCIE WARSZAWY EDITORIAL THE SAME DAY ALSO CONDEMNED SAIGON FOR DE FACTO "DEPRIVATION OF IMMUNITY" OF PRG AND DRV REPRESENTATIVES AND HINDERING ICCS ACTIVITY.

4. AN ARTICLE ON JUNE 6 IN ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI, A MILITARY DAILY, COVERED SIMILAR GROUND BUT ALSO CHARGED THAT SAIGON "DOES NOT IN THE LEAST ADHERE TO THE PARIS AGREEMENTS, BENEFITING IN THIS FROM THE SUPPORT OF FOREIGN IMPERIALISM". SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THIEU HAS RECEIVED OVER TWO MILLION TONS OF ARMS, AMMUNITION AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING TANKS, ARMORED VEHICLES, AND 72 F-5E AIRCRAFT. ABOUT 25 THOUSAND FOREIGN MERCENARIES IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES AUGMENT THIS SUPPORT, THE NEWSPAPER ADDED.

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IT ALSO CLAIMED THAT 86 PERCENT OF SAIGON'S 1973 BUDGET WAS COVERED BY FOREIGN AID, OF WHICH OVER 66 PERCENT WAS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH, UNLIKE THE PRAVDA ARTICLE CITED IN REFTEL, THIS CURRENT PRESS COMMENTARY HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED CITING THE US BY NAME AS THE SOURCE OF AID TO SAIGON, THE IMPLICATIONS ARE CLEAR, PARTICULARLY IN THE ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI

ARTICLE. HOWEVER, ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI, THE POLISH ARMY DAILY, IS GENERALLY MORE CONSERVATIVE AND STRIDENT THAN THE CENTRAL PRESS. IN ANY CASE, THE MAIN TARGET IS SAIGON, AND THE PRESS TREATMENT OF THE PRG ANNIVERSARY APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH THE PREVIOUS POLICY OF AVOIDING DIRECT ATTACKS ON THE US.

6. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE ALLEGATIONS IN ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI, AND TO REMIND THE GOP ONCE AGAIN THAT ITS ONE-SIDED PRESS TREATMENT CONTRADICTS THE PRINCIPLES OF OBJECTIVITY EXPECTED OF A MEMBER OF AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING UNIT. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS, I WILL MAKE THIS POINT TO SPASOWSKI AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

7. FOR SAIGON. MFA OFFICIALS HERE HAVE MENTIONED A RECENT MEETING THAT MABASSADOR MARTIN HAD WITH FIJALKOWSKI. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING AN INFORMATION ADDRESSEE ON ANY REPORT OF PERTINENT INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HAVE EMERGED FROM FIJALKOWSKI'S REMARKS.

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